

A WOMAN'S WATCH.

Though Og or Methuselah I outlive, I never again my trust will put In womankind.

I sat on the porch of the gay hotel, Beside the main,
Awaiting the time when I must take
My townward train.

In front of me sat a maiden fair, And at her waist, Attached to her belt, a wee little watch Was deftly placed.

And I looked at that watch and I said Much time have I!"
Small heed I gave to the moments swift

As they went by. And finally when the hour had come

My train to take, I started betimes, as I had that day Great things at stake. But wee to me! to the town that day

But wee to me: to the I did not go;
I did not go;
For the beautiful watch of the maiden fair
Was two hours slow.

—Boston Courier.

The Reason Why.

Smart Lawyer (who appears for the prisoners) to Witness-You say that on the night of the murder the moon was so bright that you could see the burglars in the room. Was your husband awake at the time?

Witness-I don't know. "His face was toward you, wasn't it? or was it not?" "I don't know."

"Eh? You don't know? Was his face turned toward you or toward the wall?"

"I don't know." "Gentlemen of the jury, you hear the witness. She identifies the prisoners as the burglars who were in the room, and yet she cannot tell in what position her husband was lying. Now (to witness), why don't you know?"

"I could not see." "Ah, ha! I thought so. She could not see. She, who identifies the prisoners, could not see which way her husband's face was turned. Explain that if you

"Well, sir, my husband is so bald that in a dim light I can't tell his face from the back of his head."-London Tit-Bits.



Miss Bagley-Yes, but now you must forgive and forget. Miss Faraway-Oh, I can forgive, but

it's not so easy to forget.

Miss Bagley-Nonsense! I can tell ou a hundred things I've forgotten.-Harper's Bazar.

The Young Art Critic.

Armellini, who prides himself on being an accomplished portrait painter, after eighteen months' persistent toil had managed to complete the portrait of Mrs. Judith Baricoletti, and triumphantly hastened to present it to) r. While Mrs. B. was contemplating the picture her son, a sprightly little rogue of eight summers, ran into the parlor, and Armellini eagerly asked him if he thought it a good likeness.

"Beautiful! Splendid!" exclaimed the little urchin. "It is just like mammaall but the face!"-Motto per Ridere.

Search for an Ideal. Carruthers-How does it happen that

you and Miss Pruyn are out? Waite-Well, I told her that I had long been seeking my ideal woman and had found her at last.

Carruthers-Didn't that please her? Waite-I don't know. She said she had been just as long looking for her ideal man, but hadn't found him yet .-New York Herald.

Unanimous Approval.

Weeping Widow-You are sure, Mr. Boneplanter, you will conduct everything in a satisfactory manner? Eminent Undertaker-Have no fear

on that score, I beg of you, Mrs. Billhope. Of all the people I have buried in my long and successful career, I am proud to say that not one ever raised the slightest objection to my work.-London

He Protests.

Burglar (flashing his dark lantern in the face of the sleeper)-If you make a noise you're a dead man! I want your money and I want it quick! Where

Mr. Billus (only half awake)-Why, great Scott, Maria! What have you done with the twenty-five dollars I gave you yesterday?-Chicago Tribune.

His Degree.

Jones-Did Van Ducklet take a degree in college? Brown-No. He had a pedigree be-

fore he went and he thought that was

enough.-Detroit Free Press.

"Have you a large house tonight?" Theatrical Manager-Yes; the house never looked so large to me before. There are only three people in it.-Lon-



MANHOOD RESTORED.

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She Had Him There. Yesterday at the court of common leas the presiding judge asked a lady who appeared as witness, "Your age?"

"Thirty years," was the prompt reply. His honor, with a smile, "I think it will be difficult for you to prove it." "Just as difficult as it is for you to prove the contrary," retorted the lady, "as my certificate of birth was destroyed by fire in 1850!"

Hilarity in court, which was immediately suppressed.-Intransigeant II-

With Malice Aforethought.

R. A. Koon-Did'n' yer guarantee dis yah watch fo' a yeah?

Jeweler-Yes, but not against acci-

R. A. Koon-Den you gib me a new one. I done busted hit obah Sam Johnsing's head, an dat wa'n't no accident, sah; I done hit a puhpose.-Jewelers' Weekly.

Balzac's Castle.

A French writer recounts this anecdote of Balzac's grand air. The narrator once had occasion to visit the French publisher Charpentier. He was ushered into the publisher's room, and found him in conversation with a somewhat stout but not very elegant man, whom the newest visitor did not know. "Yes, my dear Charpentier," said the stout man nonchalantly, "it is going to be a complete surprise to my mother; she doesn't know a thing about it. You see the chateau and grounds are laid out in this way." He traced some imaginary lines with his cane on the floor. "Here will stand the house-a noble structure in the style of the Sixteenth century. It will be ornamented with superbly vermiculated stones at the corners, and also at the doors and windows. There will be two floors entirely occupied with sleeping rooms, so that there may be sufficient room for me and for a large party of friends when we come out from

The man went on with a long list of details of his establishment, his servants, his wine cellars, his deer park and so on, to all of which Charpentier listened with great respect. By and by the talker went away with a grand air, and the other visitor ventured to ask, "Who was that gentleman?" "That was Balzac," said Charpentier. "Balzac! Why he must be making a great deal of money out of his novels?" The publisher smiled. "Well," said he, "what do you suppose he came in for? It was to get me to advance him 500 francs on his next volume -which isn't written yet-to pay his board bill."-Argonaut.

An Unpleasant Duty Performed. "Brother Lastly," said the spokesman, clearing his throat, "I have an unpleasant duty to perform. There is a report to the effect that you have said one of the best and most worthy members of our congregation is unable to attend services often on account of not having good enough clothes. We have come to ask the name of that member. We don't know of any such person, and a report of that kind is likely to reflect upon us as a congregation that does not look after its poor but worthy members. Will you tell us who it is?"

"Certainly, brethren," replied the to be cheerful. "It's my wife."-Chicago Tribune.

A Brave Dog.

Student (the conversation turning upon the life saving instincts of Newfoundland dogs)-Yes, my brave Cæsar, too, once came to my rescue when I was in a horrible fix. Listeners (eagerly)-Pray tell us all

about it! Student-I sold him at the right mo-

ment for fifty marks.—Westfalische Zei-Conducive to Sound Sleep.

The pretty Mexican girl is not obliged which of two lovers she will choose. She knows that by the next morning there will be only one left .- New York

He Understood Them.

"Are you familiar with musical terms?" asked the manager's friend. "Yes," replied the manager, "'last week's salary or I don't sing." "-Washington Star.



He-Deah me, the days ought to have been made longer; don't you think? -I don't know.

He-Why, certainly they ought, you know. How can a fellah dwess four times in twenty-four hours and have time left to accomplish anything?-Life

A Reflection on Congress.

While "Brick" Pomeroy, editor, lecturer and capitalist, was lecturing in Columbus, a large black Newfoundland dog walked out leisurely on the stage and up to the lecturer. "You look intelligent enough to be sent to congress," said the speaker, as he patted the dog on the head. At that the dog sniffed and jumped over the footlights. "The suggestion of having to associate with congress disgusts even the dogs," exclaimed | ticated if that isn't the blankest way of Pomerov, and the audience shouted -

THE WORLD'S ODD CORNERS.

In the dreary deserts of Arabia the rosemary and lavender flourish to per-

Ir is said that the Eskimo alphabet has only five characters; that the language itself is not very difficult, but it is the only one the Eskimo ever learns. A siver of ink flows in Algeria. One stream is impregnated with iron, and

it meets another flowing through peat

moss, containing gallic acid; when they unite they form a stream of ink. PLINY, that rare old gossip, tells of a cave somewhere in Dalmatia where a stone thrown in raised a regular din of noises. Fingal's cave, on the isle of Staffa, has an abnormally developed

Some of the Venetians-those who have snever been to the mainlandhave never seen a horse in all their lives A showman once brought one to a fair and called it a monster, and the factory hands paid fifteen cents each to see the marvel.

In Africa people of the tribe called Obongo take the bodies of their dead to a running stream, which has been previously diverted from its course. deep grave is dug in the bed of the stream, the bodies are placed in it and covered over, and finally the stream is restored to its natural course

GREAT PEOPLE OF EUROPE.

M. CARNOT, president of the French republic, is by descent the Count Carnot de Feuleins, and Mme. Carnot is a countess, but these things don't count as they did in France.

THE earl of Durham has leased a shooting ground 20,000 acres in extent in the north of England. If that land were put under cultivation it would furnish ample support for 100,000 peo-

MR. GLADSTONE is the only living member of the Peel administration. No American statesman now living was in active public life when Mr. Gladstone had already taken a prominent position

THE Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria, son of the heir to the throne, is said to find his greatest pleasure in the useful function of running a locomotive, and brings his train in on time and in good order.

OUR ANNUAL FISH YARNS.

A CROCODILE measuring three feet and seven inches in length was killed recently at Whiting, Ind.

A BANGOR somnambulist while walking in his sleep hooked a five-pound black bass in Lake Chemo and awoke to find himself struggling in the water. Fishing parties in Portland harbor are meeting with remarkable success, The other day a couple of anglers hooked what they supposed to be a lobster pot, and were greatly surprised to pull up a bag containing sixty full pints of whisky.

An old man caught on a hook in Briar creek, Ga., recently, a rock fish weighing fifty pounds. It was three and onehalf feet long, and in its stomach there was a jack fish which measured thirty inches and a catfish eighteen inches

SPANNING THE WATERS.

THE largest and longest stone bridge in the world is over an arm of the China sea, five miles long, three hundred arches, each seventy feet high.

THE longest bridge in this country is the trestle which crosses a portion of Lake Pontchartrain, in Louisiana. It is nearly twenty-five miles long. TUESDAY, May 24, was the ninth an-

niversary of the opening of the Brooklyn bridge. During this period the number of persons traveling over the bridge has averaged 40,000,000 a year. The largest wooden bridge in the world is that at Two Medicine, on the St. Paul & Manitoba railway. It is 751

feet long and 211 feet above the water. In this bridge are 750,000 feet of lumber, and any one piece can be removed and Rev. Mr. Lastly, with a brave attempt replaced when worn out without disturbing the rest.

TREES AND THEIR FRUIT.

THE area planted to apples in Tasmania is 9,808 acres in 1881, and is being rapidly increased. THE india rubber tree grows wild in

Lee county, Fla., and in Fort Myers it is used as a shade and ornamental THE experience of several experiment

stations is said to indicate that only a few varieties of figs are adapted in hardiness to any one location. ONE-THIRD of a tree in Simon Mutch-

ler's orchard, near York, Pa., is pink to lie awake nights trying to decide with peach blossoms, a third is bearing apple blossoms and the remainder grows good pears.

FIGURES OF TOIL.

THE manufacture of eigarettes has increased, in thirteen years, from 288,-276,817 to 2,877,792,440.

A CLIPPER ship for every day in the year is required to remove California's surplus wheat to Europe. THE mines of the world produced twenty-five tons of gold every week,

but the precious metal remains as rare THE largest cotton crop in the southern states prior to the war was in 1860, when 4,699,770 bales were produced. In 1871 it was 4,852,317 bales. In 1891 the production reached 8,652,597

tion were consumed in southern mills. PASTIMES OF PUBLIC MEN.

bales, and 605,661 bales of the produc-

SECRETARY TRACY is an expert pedes-SENATORS SAWYER and Hiscock are great Indian club swingers. GEN. WISTAR, now president of the

Academy of Natural Sciences, is an en-

thusiastie yachtsman. Gov. Flower is rapidly becoming an accomplished boxer. He has trained down twenty-two pounds-from 240 to

Hox. ANDREW D. WHITE is credited with having made a rare collection of posters, including incendiary placards put up on the walls of Paris during the French revolution.

A Good Reason. Caraway-Miss Withers used to give

a birthday party every year. I wonder why she don't do so now Dingley-Well, her birthdays don't come as often as that now .- Truth.

-a yacht was in Bath awhile ago named "Psyche." A man upon the wharf observing the name spelled it out and remarked: "Well, may I be obfusspelling fish that I ever saw?"-Bangor

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A Funny-Looking Plant.

The climbing shrub known as Dutchman's Pipe grows to the height of fifteen or twenty feet. It is a native of the southern parts of the Allegheny mountains, and is frequently planted in the United States, in Britain and on the continent of Europe, to form shady bowers. It has very large heart-shaped leaves (a foot in breadth) of a beautiful green. The pipe-shaped flowers hang singly or in pairs on long stalks. At a distance the vine might be mistaken for a bean vine, but the flowers can be taken for nothing else but a Dutchman's pipe. They are three or four inches long, a yellowish-green brown, and veined with reddish-brown veins.-

Detroit Free Press. IN THE REALM OF MUSIC.

BEATRICE VEHON, a Chicago girl of French parentage, has just achieved a notable triumph as a singer at the Roy-

WALTER DAMBOSCH is engaged in writing an opera whose subject is to be Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter." Mr. G. P. Lathrop is writing the libretto for

al Court theater in Stockholm.

George W. Estes, who died recently in Salem, Mass., at the age of eightyseven, was said to be the first man who ever played a snare drum by note. He officiated as drum major at the funeral

THE age at which a "child wonder" ceases to be such has not yet been the kind of headache the people have determined. But Josef Hofmann, the on rainy Sundays and the kind they boy pianist, seems to have reached it. have when the circus is in town-Late reports from abroad say that his Ram's Horn. fingers are losing their suppleness, his ear its delicacy and his soul its love of

In twenty-four days Handel wrote "The Messiah." Dr. Johnson wrote "Rasselas" in the nights of a single week. Schubert sometimes wrote four or five immortal songs in a single day. He was born in 1797 and died in 1808, yet he set to music six hundred and thirty-four poems by one hundred different authors, in addition to writing other musical works.

CURIOUS FACTS.

THE site of the city of Boston was sold in 1633 by John Blackstone for \$150. the London Times are paid for at the This is a big country. It contains land rate of \$150 a letter, less than one-third chough to give every person in it a farm of what Lord Randolph Churchill reenough to give every person in it a farm of 160 acres.

WELLSVILLE, Mo., has nearly twice as

residents and 3,400 dogs. In a cave in the Pantheon the guide by striking the flaps of bis coat, makes forty years ago that by the writing of a noise equal to that produced by firing amusing works one grows and, and that pay now. I would be quite willing, as

a twelve-pound cannon. the check of a Reading (Pa.) young his own cheerful life.

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man. The splinter entered his cheek sta years ago in a coasting accident. While three woodcutters were sitting | ferable," usually printed upon season Everetts, Va., recently, singing "The Old Ship of Zion," the house was struck impeachable. by lightning and all three were killed. Ox Sunday, May 22, when the apple trees in Franklin county, Me., were in case: blossom, snow from six to nine inches at the hands of a masked mob after

through the streets of Phillips. SOME SENSIBLE SAYINGS.

Convince the masses that you love them, and you've got them. Some people never feel religious ex

cept when they get in a tight place. THERE isn't a bit of religion in going without sleep at night to talk about your neighbors.

WHEN in line of battle no soldier ever finds much fault with the bowlegs of the man in front of him. THERE are people who think their neighbors' houses need painting, be-

dows Fon a wife to get religion so that she never slams the door anymore will 'hit her husband harder than a dozen ser-

cause they do not wash their own win-

Ir doesn't help a man much at home to shout in church, if he makes his wife of President William Henry Harrison | get up and kindle a fire the next morn-WHAT a difference there is between

THE WRITERS' WASTE BASKET.

THE poet Burns spelled his name

Burness (his family name) until the publication of his poems in 1786. IT is said to be a fair indication of Shakespeare's popularity in Germany that 1,760 copies of a cheap edition of his works were sold in that country last

Lovens of Robert Browning will be glad to learn through an English authority that his books have more sale in England than those of any dead poet

RUDYARD KIPLING'S contributions to ceived for his South African correspondence, which goes to show that it pays many dogs as inhabitants. It has 1,740 better to be a lord than a literary man. M. RENAN, the French theologian.

says that he made the discovery over

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QUEER LAWS AND RULINGS.

Unless an Austrian gains the consent of his wife he cannot get a passport to journey beyond the frontier of call me an old fool? his own country. THE legislative assembly of Styria, in Austria, has passed a law forbidding Dealers in Hard and Soft Finishing Lumber, Sash Doors, Glass, Putty, Etc.

poor people to marry without a special

license from the authorities.

A Junge in a Massachusetts divorce court has laid down the law that when a woman obtains a divorce she shall not be permitted to resume her maiden THE value of the words "not trans

on a bench in their lodging house near tickets, has been tested in an English court and it has been decided to be un-A MARYLAND jury returned the following verdict in a recent lynching "James Taylor came to his death

in depth covered the Rangeley district, having forcibly entered the jail and and G. E. Rideout rode in his sleigh hanged him to a tree."

Mr. C. P. Hunrington has given \$15.

000 to the Golden Gate park, San Fran-

SOME RECENT BEQUESTS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR has given \$5,000 to the Grant monument fund and \$5,000 to

the Press club.

cisco, for an artificial cataract, with a fall of seventy-five feet. MISS FRANCES POWER CORRE has lately received a bequest from a wealthy Lon-don lady of \$150,000 to be used in temperance and other Christian work.

THE "Ella Reed" house, which is to

be opened as a home for Boston street

walfs, is being built by Miss Cynthia Bates, a business woman, in memory of a beloved niece. Rev. Phillips Brooks laid the corner stone. FATHER DUREN, a Roman Catholic priest in Wisconsin, who rescued the daughter of a wealthy Parisian from drowning in the Mediterranean last

winter, has received from her father \$55,000, which the good man will devote to charitable purposes.

WHY IS IT THAT-Bees never store up honey where it is

butterfly none?

LEAVES will attract dow, when boards, sticks and stones will not? A squitter, comes down a tree head first and a cat tall first?

Conn on the ear is never found with

THE moth has a fur jacket and the

an eneven number of rows? Fish, flies and caterpillars may be frozen solid and still retain life? A nonez always gets up fore parts first and a oow directly the opposite? A nonempty will live for hours after the head has been pinched off?

THE dragon fly can devour its own

body and the head still live?-Golden ELECTRICITY is never visible except when it comes in the form of zigzag

-Patient-I don't suppose you are particular whether I pay you now or wittle in full when you get through with me? Doctor-Perhaps you'd better the best way of remaining merry is to you say, to wait until I get through with A PIECE of wood one inch long and write on serious subjects. To his ad- you, but the fact is your will might be one-half inch thick was removed from herence to this principle he attributes contested you know, and I might get sothing at all.-Boston Transcript.

All a Mistake. Police Justice (after passing sentence

on a cheeky prisoner)-Did I hear you

Prisoner-No, yer honor-leastways Far From It. Rose-Does Mr. Verydull know any

Lillian-Know anything! He doesn't



said little Frank as he was Well?" arquiesced the tired mamma. "When holes come in stockings what becomes of the piece of stocking that was there before the hole came?"-Judge.

Hard to Answer

Soap

To keep the skin clean

is to wash the excretions

from it off; the skin takes care of itself inside, if not blocked outside. To wash it often and clean, without doing any sort of violence to it, requires a most gentle soap.

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